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OCI-1437/64
9 April 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of Mission SI54A,
Flown 6 April 1964 and Mission SI64A
Flown 7 April 1964

1. These missions, the twelfth and thirteenth since 1 March under CIA sponsorship, continue to provide extensive and increasingly repetitive coverage of North Vietnam and northern Laos.

North Vietnam

2. Four airfields were photographed, including Phuc Yen and Hanoi/Gia Lam. Only seven aircraft were discernible at Hanoi; thirty-one had been photographed there on a previous mission. Phuc Yen now appears operational and should become active in the near future.

3. A total of ten military installations (barracks, storage areas, depots, supply areas, etc.) were photographed. A large barracks and storage area at Nam Vu, sixty-five miles northwest of Hanoi, has two new areas under construction. There appears to be extensive activity at the four areas of the Vinh Yen barracks and ammo depot, just north of Phuc Yen.

4. A tin smelter and refinery at Tinh Tuc, ninety-seven miles north of Hanoi, has a large strip mine, several shaft mines and an extensive conveyor system.

5. Coverage of portions of Route 7 and Route 8 failed to turn up any traffic. Three moving trains (four locomotives and seventy-six cars) were photographed on the rail line between Hanoi and Lao Kay and thirty-six cars were detected in the Lao Kay marshalling yard.

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Laos

6. Twenty-seven airfields were photographed; fourteen show no change from previous coverage. Of the remainder, five are under FAR control, one probably under Pathet Lao control, one under Neutralist control, one under dissident Neutralist control, three are unserviceable and two are of questionable control. The only aircraft photographed were at FAR fields.

7. Only one new military installation was photographed--a camp, probably under dissident Neutralist control, in far northwest Laos.

China

8. Three airfields and four major installations were photographed in China, but cloud cover and haze precluded interpretation.

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